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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of capturing, in a computer system, data relating to a note-taking session, the session consisting of handwritten annotations made by a user by way of a writing implement on a plurality of printed paper pages, each of the plurality of pages including visible graphic data and invisible coded data in the form of tags indicative of an identity of the page and of a plurality of reference points on the page, the coded data identifying a unique location of each of the reference points relative to the page, and wherein the visible graphic data and the invisible coded data are printed by the same printer and at the time of printing the computer system associates the type and spatial extent of each tag of the coded data with the spatial extent of at least some of the graphic data, the method including the steps of:

receiving, in the computer system and via the writing implement, an indication of the start of the note-taking session;

receiving, in the computer system and via the writing implement interacting with the printed paper pages, data indicative of said handwritten annotations made by said user on said plurality of printed paper pages;

receiving, in the computer system and via the writing implement, an indication of the end of the note-taking session; and

retaining a retrievable record of the received data for the note-taking session.

2-4. (cancelled).

5. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said indication of the start of the note-taking session is provided by the computer system receiving data indicative of said handwritten annotations made by said user on said plurality of printed paper pages.

6. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of printed paper pages is associated with a control portion comprising at least one control zone, the computer system receiving an indication via said writing implement that said user has designated one or more control zones using the writing implement.

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7. (previously presented) A method according to claim 6, wherein one or more of said printed paper pages includes said control portion.
8. (previously presented) A method according to claim 6, wherein said plurality of printed paper pages are provided in the form of a notepad, the notepad includes said control portion on a part of the notepad other than on one of said pages.
9. (original) A method according to claim 6, wherein said at least one control zone includes a zone associated with the start of the note-taking session, and said indication of the start of the note-taking session is provided by the computer system receiving an indication that said user has designated said zone by way of said writing implement.
10. (original) A method according to claim 6, wherein said at least one control zone includes a zone associated with the end of the note-taking session, and said indication of the end of the note-taking session is provided by the computer system receiving an indication that said user has designated said zone by way of said writing implement.
11. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said writing implement includes a writing nib, and said writing nib is associated with a sensor able to detect nib contact with one of said plurality of printed paper pages.
12. (original) A method according to claim 1 including the step of using said retrievable record to selectively print the data indicative of said handwritten annotations.
13. (previously presented) A method according to claim 12, wherein said plurality of printed paper pages is associated with a control portion including a zone associated with the printing of the note-taking session, the computer system receiving an indication via said writing implement that said user has designated said zone using the writing implement.
14. (previously presented) A method according to claim 12, the data being printable on a plurality of pages corresponding to the plurality of printed paper pages annotated in the note-taking session.

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15. (previously presented) A method according to claim 14 including the step of binding the plurality of printed paper pages.

16. (original) The method of claim 1 in which the writing implement contains an identification means which imparts a unique identity to the sensing device and identifies it as being associated with a particular user in said note-taking session and in which the method includes monitoring, in the computer system, said identity.

17. (currently amended) A system for capturing data relating to a note-taking session, the session consisting of handwritten annotations made by a user by way of a writing implement on a plurality of printed paper pages, each of the plurality of pages including visible graphic data and invisible coded data in the form of tags indicative of an identity of the page and of a plurality of reference points on the page, the coded data identifying a unique location of each of the reference points relative to the page, the system including:

a computer system for receiving indicating data via the writing implement operated by the user interacting with the printed paper pages, said indicating data regarding the position of the writing implement relative to a printed paper page, wherein the visible graphic data and the invisible coded data are printed by the same printer and at the time of printing the computer system associates the type and spatial extent of each tag of the coded data with the spatial extent of at least some of the graphic data, the computer system including (a) means for identifying, from the indicating data, an indication of the start of the note-taking session and an indication of the end of the note-taking session; and (b) storage means for retaining a retrievable record of the received data for the note-taking session, said retrievable record being indicative of said handwritten annotations made by said user on said plurality of pages between the start and end of the note-taking session.

18. (cancelled).

19. (previously presented) A system according to claim 17, wherein each printed paper page includes coded data indicative of an identity of the page, and said indicating data regards both the position of the writing implement relative to a page and the identity of the page.

20. (cancelled).

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21. (previously presented) A system according to claim 17 including a writing implement which includes a sensor for detecting said coded data.
22. (previously presented) A system according to claim 21, wherein said writing implement includes a writing nib, and said writing nib is associated with a sensor able to detect nib contact with one of said plurality of printed paper pages.
23. (original) A system according to claim 21, in which the writing implement contains an identification means which imparts a unique identity to the sensing device and identifies it as being associated with a particular user in said note-taking session, the computer system including means for monitoring said identity.
24. (previously presented) A system according to claim 17, wherein said plurality of printed paper pages are associated with a control portion comprising at least one control zone, the computer system receiving an indication via said writing implement that said user has designated one or more control zones using the writing implement.
25. (previously presented) A system according to claim 24, wherein one or more of said printed paper pages includes said control portion.
26. (previously presented) A system according to claim 24 including at least one notepad incorporating said plurality of printed paper pages, the at least one notepad including said control portion on a part of the notepad other than on one of said pages.
27. (previously presented) A system according to claim 26, said plurality of printed paper pages being superposed and joined together on a backing sheet, the backing sheet sized to extend beyond at least one edge of the superposed plurality of pages to provide an uncovered extended part, said control portion being provided on said extended part of the backing sheet.
28. (original) A system according to claim 24, wherein said at least one control zone includes a session start zone, said means for identifying an indication of the start of the note-taking session comprises means for receiving an indication that said user has designated said

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zone by way of said writing implement.

29. (original) A system according to claim 24, wherein said at least one control zone includes a session end zone, said means for identifying an indication of the end of the note-taking session comprises means for receiving an indication that said user has designated said zone by way of said writing implement.

30. (original) A system according to claim 24, wherein said at least one control zone includes a print zone, said system including means for receiving an indication that said user has designated said print zone by way of said writing implement and means, in response to said indication, to print from said retrievable record data indicative of said handwritten annotations.

31. (previously presented) A system according to claim 30 including a binding means for binding a plurality of printed paper pages corresponding to the plurality of pages annotated in the note-taking session.

32. (previously presented) A system according to claim 17 including a printer for printing the coded data on the plurality of pages.